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The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. *Bishop.*

PRIESTS.

- The Rev. Jasper Adams, D. D. *Principal of Charleston College.*
The Rev. William H. Barnwell, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*
The Rev. David J. Campbell, *Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and of the Chapels at the Black Oak, and the Rocks.*
The Rev. John W. Chanler, *residing in Charleston.*
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The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson.
The Rev. Charles P. Elliott.
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, *Officiating in St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
The Rev. Andrew Fowler, *Minister of Christ Church Parish.*
The Rev. Hugh Fraser, *residing in All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.*
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. *Rector of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, *residing, at present, in Philadelphia.*
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's Parish, Colleton.*
The Rev. Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono.*
The Rev. Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.*
The Rev. Christian Hanckel, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffe borough.*
The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.*
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto, and of St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.*
The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, *Rector of St. David's Parish, Cheraw.*
The Rev. David McElheran, *Rector of St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island.*

- The Rev. Edward Phillips, *Rector of Grace Church, Camden.*
 The Rev. Milward Pogson, *residing in Charleston.*
 The Rev. William T. Potter, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*
 The Rev. M. A. Perry.
 The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, *Rector of the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis, and of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.*
 The Rev. Peter J. Shand, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*
 The Rev. Edward Thomas, *absent from the State on account of his health.*
 The Rev. Paul Trapier, *Rector of St. Andrew's Parish; and of St. James' Church, on James Island.*
 The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*
 The Rev. Thomas J. Young, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, St. Luke's Parish.*

DEACONS.

- The Rev. Daniel Cobia, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish.*
 The Rev. Thomas A. Cook.
 The Rev. William Elliott, *Minister of St. Luke's Parish.*
 The Rev. Stephen Elliott, sen. *Minister of Prince William's Parish.*
 The Rev. John S. Field, *Greenville.*
 The Rev. James H. Fowles.
 The Rev. Richard Johnson, *Minister of St. Matthew's Parish.*
 The Rev. William Johnson.
 The Rev. Charles C. Pinckney, jun. *Minister of St. James' Parish, Santee.*
 The Rev. Napoleon B. Screven, *Officiating at the Wateree,*

A LIST
OF THE
CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES
WHO
ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1835.



CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Michael's Parish.
- The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Parish.
- The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's Parish.
- The Rev. Daniel Cobia, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish.
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- The Rev. William H. Barnwell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.
- The Rev. Thomas J. Young, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, St. Luke's Parish.

LAY-DELEGATES.

- St. Michael's Parish*—David Alexander, James H. Ladson, I. M. Campbell, M. D. William Read, M. D. Horatio S. Waring, M. D.
- St. Philip's Parish*—William M. Smith, Lionel H. Kennedy, Thomas Gadsden.
- St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough*—Major Wragg, George W. Egleston.
- Prince George's Parish, Winyaw*—Col. E. H. Edwards.
- St. Helena Parish, Beaufort*—Robert W. Barnwell, Stephen Elliott, jun.
- St. John's Parish, Colleton*—The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, residing in St. John's, and appointed to represent the Church in Convention.
- St. Luke's Church, St. Luke's Parish*—Benjamin F. Scott, James Pope.
- St. James' Parish, Santee*—Charles C. Pinckney.
- St. David's Parish, Cheraw*—Alexander W. Ellerbe.
- St. Paul's Church, Pendleton*—James Stuart, M. D.
- Trinity Church, Edisto*—Joseph B. Seabrook.
- Prince William's Parish*—Edward Brailsford, M. D. James Cuthbert, Frederick G. Fraser, Dr. Desaussure.
- St. James' Church, James' Island*—T. Heyward Thayer.
- St. Peter's Church, Charleston*—Judge Colcock, R. B. Smith.



The Rev. Mr. Delavaux, the Rev. Dr. Adams, and the Rev. Mr. Folker, entitled to seats in the Convention, did not attend.



The following Clergymen, not entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

The Rev. Mr. Chanler; the Rev. John S. Field; the Rev. Mr. Fowles; the Rev. C. P. Elliott, of this Diocese; and the Rev. Mr. Morgan, of the Diocese of North-Carolina.



The Church in this Diocese, consists of the Bishop, 33 Priests, 10 Deacons, and 50 organized Congregations.

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Charleston, Wednesday, February 25, 1835.

THIS being the day appointed by a special resolution, for a stated meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, the Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, with several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock, when Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector of St. George's Parish, Winyaw, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Thomas J. Young, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, St. Luke's Parish. The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Rector of St. Philip's Parish.

The Right Rev. Bishop Bowen took the Chair, *ex officio*. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Clergy attended, *ex-officio*; and the following Lay-Delegates having presented satisfactory testimonials of their respective appointments, took their seats accordingly, viz:

St. Michael's Parish—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector; the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister; David Alexander, James H. Ladson, I. M. Campbell, M. D.

St. Philip's Parish—The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector; the Rev. Daniel Cobia, Deacon, Assistant Minister; William M. Smith, Lionel H. Kennedy, Thomas Gadsden.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough—The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector.

Prince George's Parish, Winyaw—The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector; Col. E. H. Edwards.

St. Helena Parish, Beaufort—The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector; Robert W. Barnwell, Stephen Elliott.

St. John's Parish, Berkley—Frederick Ford.

St. John's Parish, Colleton—The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, residing in St. John's, and appointed to represent the Church in Convention; Justus Angel.

Christ Church Parish—The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Minister.

St. Paul's Parish, Stono—The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

St. Luke's Church, St. Luke's Parish—The Rev. William Elliott, Deacon, Minister; Benjamin F. Scott.

Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville—The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, Rector.

Trinity Church, Columbia—The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Church at Claremont—The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector.

St. Stephen's Parish, Black-Oak and the Rocks—The Rev. David J. Campbell, Minister.

St. Thomas and St. Denis—The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

St. James' Parish, Santee—The Rev. Charles C. Pinckney, jun. Deacon, Minister; Charles C. Pinckney.

All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw—The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

St. Andrew's Parish—The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

St. David's Parish, Cheraw—The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector; Alexander W. Ellerbe.

St. Paul's Church, Pendleton—The Rev. William T. Potter, Rector.

Prince William's Parish—Edward Brailsford, M. D., James Cuthbert.

Grace Church, Camden—The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

St. James' Church, James Island—The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector; T. Heyward Thayer.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston—The Rev. William H. Barnwell, Rector; Judge Colcock, R. B. Smith.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, St. Luke's Parish—The Rev. Thomas J. Young, Rector.

A quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to business. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho was then unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasury; and, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, to appoint an Assistant Secretary, the Rev. Daniel Cobia, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish, was appointed to that office.

The Rules of Order were then read, in conformity with the 12th Rule.

The Bishop communicated to the Convention a letter from the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, expressing their desire of uniting with the Convention, in consequence of the Parish of St. Luke's having been divided, and the Church of the Holy Trinity having become a separate corporation. Having expressed their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same, which, being in conformity with the 12th Article of the Constitution, the application was granted, and the Church of the Holy Trinity was admitted into union with the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Trapier, it was Resolved, that the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city, and not

entitled to seats; and the Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Walker, the President was requested to appoint Preachers to the next Convention: whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rector of Grace Church, Camden, was appointed to preach at the opening of the Convention; and in case of his failure, the Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, President of the Standing Committee, presented, for the information of the Convention, the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year:

"To the Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D.

President of the Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina:

"The President of the Standing Committee presents for the information of the Convention, the following statement of their official acts since the last Convention:

"They have, in the discharge of their canonical duty, recommended to the Bishop, Mr. James H. Fowles, to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders—and Messrs. Napoleon B. Screven, Stephen Elliott, sen. James H. Fowles; Charles C. Pinckney, jun. and William Elliott, to be admitted into the Holy Order of Deacons—and the Rev. Charles E. Leverett, and Peter J. Shand, Deacons, to be admitted into the Holy Order of Priests.

In behalf of the Standing Committee,

C. E. GADSDEN, President.

Charleston, February 25th, 1835."

On motion, the President was requested to appoint the Standing Committee of the Diocese, for the ensuing year. whereupon, the President (the Convention concurring) made the following appointment:

The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D.D.	David Alexander,
Paul T. Gervais,	Thomas Lowndes,
Frederick Dalcho, M. D.	James Jervay,
Christian Hanckel,	Samuel Wragg,
William H. Barnwell,	Joshua W. Toomer.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the President was requested to appoint a Committee on the General Theological Seminary; whereupon the President appointed the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Paul Trapier, Mr. William Mason Smith, Mr. David Alexander, and Mr. James H. Ladson.

On motion, the President (the Convention concurring) appointed the following gentlemen to represent the Church in this Diocese, in the next General Convention, viz:

The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D.D.	William Heyward,
Christian Hanckel,	Thomas Lowndes,
Augustus L. Converse,	Philip Tidyman, M. D.
Joseph R. Walker,	John Potter.

Conformably with the 51st Canon of the General Convention, for "securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time," the Bishop delivered the following Address :

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity,

It is required by the second section of the fifty-first Canon of the Church in General Convention, as revised and amended in 1832, that "at every annual Convention, the Bishop shall deliver an Address, stating the affairs of the Diocese, since the last meeting of the Convention, the names of the Churches which he has visited, the number of persons confirmed, the names of those who have been received as Candidates for Orders, and of those, who have been ordained, suspended, or degraded; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and, in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese; which address shall be inserted on the journals."

I proceed to the duty which is so required, and will endeavour not to detain you with it long, from the deliberative and other business, for which you are assembled.

The Churches visited since the last Convention, are, Trinity Church, Columbia; Grace Church, Camden; St. David's Church, Cheraw; Trinity Church, Society Hill; All Saints, Waccamaw; Prince George Church, Winyaw, Georgetown; Grace Church, Sullivan's Island; St. John's Colleton; St. John's Berkeley, and Pineville Chapel. On my way to such as was more peculiarly *diocesan* visitation duty, the Church at Augusta was visited, and Confirmation administered there. Confirmation was administered, also, in all the places mentioned, as visited in the Diocese, except in the last four of them. To St. John's Colleton, and St. John's Berkeley, I was carried by an anxiety affecting me, concerning them, as vacancies made within the year, and where the interest of the Church demanded, with more than usual strength of claim, whatever attention I could render it. The object, however, of my visiting both those Parishes, was in great part, frustrated, by extreme inclemency of weather. In June, occasion was taken to visit St. Augustine. The Church at that place had been founded by missionary services from this Diocese; the Young Men's Missionary Society, having defrayed the expense of the employment there of several ministers, the first of whom was the Rev. Mr. Fowler; and an interest in its condition has been cherished among us, inducing whatever attention to its necessities, circumstances would permit. It was gratifying to find the Church, in the building of which, much difficulty had been experienced, handsomely completed and furnished. It was Consecrated, and Confirmation was at the same time administered in it; the Rev. Mr. Brown, the missionary from the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society, and the Rev. Mr. Neufville, who had kindly accompanied me from Savannah, assisting in the celebration of those offices.

To the instances above reported, in which Confirmation has been administered, since the last Convention, must be added the adminis-

tration of the same rite for the Churches of this City, which took place in November, at St. Michael's Church. The whole number confirmed, (including that of those out of the Diocese,) is 136.

Trinity Church, Society Hill, was Consecrated on the occasion of my visiting that place. The erection of this Church has been an effort of sound and generous zeal, on the part of a few individuals, under the encouragement afforded them by the judicious and amiable ministry of the Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Cheraw. Hitherto his services are extended to this new Church, so far as they can be, consistently with his duty at Cheraw. The Congregation are desirous of obtaining the services of a minister of their own; and will, it is understood, soon complete arrangements, necessary to that important object. The Church which they have erected, is large and commodious, and in its style and appearance, affords evidence, of more than ordinary liberality of expenditure, in proportion to the number concerned.

The following are the only instances of Ordination, to be reported, as having taken place, within the Conventional year. The Rev. Charles Leverett, Deacon, was ordained a Priest, in May last. The Rev. Peter J. Shand, was admitted to the same order of ministry in July. Mr. N. B. Screven, was ordained a Deacon, in November, and Mr. John James Hunt, of Georgia, in January. Mr. James Fowles, who had been a Presbyterian Licentiate, was ordained a Deacon, on Sunday, the 15th inst; as were, at the same time, Mr. Stephen Elliott, Sen., Mr. William Elliott, Jun., and Mr. C. C. Pinckney, Jun. Mr. Stephen Elliott, is engaged to serve Prince William's Parish; Mr. William Elliott, St. Luke's, and Mr. Pinckney, St. James' Santee. Mr. Screven is engaged in useful duty on the plantations of the Messrs. Clarkson, on the Congaree.

No person has been received as a Candidate for Orders, except Mr. Fowles, whose admission to Deacon's Orders, took place as mentioned above. There remain of those, heretofore reported, 6.

Two of our Clergy have removed from the Diocese; viz: the Rev. William H. Mitchell, and the Rev. T. H. Taylor. The former asked for and has received the Canonical certificate of dismission from this Diocese to that of Virginia; the latter, to that of New-York. We have been deprived by death, of the excellently faithful Mr. Tschudy, who had for many years, been the Rector of St. John's Berkeley. He "had walked with God," and his death evinced *his* presence with him in the fulness of its joy. "He was" eminently "a good man." In his ministry he had given evidence, of a deep concern for the spiritual and moral welfare of the slave population of his parish, considering them as a portion of his pastoral charge, for whom he was answerable, according to the ability and opportunity to do them good, which were given him; and there is reason to hope, that the proprietors who gave countenance and encouragement to his pious views in this respect, have found no reason to regret that they had done so. The Rev. William Wilson, Rector of St. Matthew's Parish, has also been removed by death.

The vacancy which has been occasioned, in St. John's Berkeley, has not yet been supplied. We may be permitted to wish, that when it shall be, an accession of strength will come to the work of our ministry, in that interesting station of it.

The Parish of St. John's Colleton, made vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Taylor, will be supplied, we are given to expect, by the Rev. Mr. McKenney of Maryland, now officiating there.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas, has resigned the charge of the Churches on Edisto Island,* and the Rev. Mr. Leverett is serving them. No regular official notification has been forwarded, of his election by the Vestry, to succeed the Rev. Mr. Thomas, in the Rectorship of these Churches. He has served them, we have reason to know, faithfully and acceptably. The Rev. C. P. Elliott, has resigned the charge of Prince William's Parish, and the Rev. Mr. Young, that of St. Luke's; the latter confining his ministry to the Church in Grahamville. The Rev. Mr. Gibbes has resigned the Assistancy of St. Philip's Church, and been succeeded in it by the Rev. Mr. Cobia. The Rev. Mr. M. A. Perry, has been received canonically, as a Presbyterian of this Diocese, from that of New-York. The Rev. Mr. Richard Johnson, the Rev. Mr. William Johnson, and the Rev. Mr. Thomas A. Cook, who had been Deacons of the Diocese of Virginia, have all been regularly dismissed, according to the provisions of the 17th Canon, to this Diocese, and recognized accordingly. The first named of these is engaged to serve St. Matthew's Parish.

St. Stephen's Chapel, which was usefully served by the Rev. Mr. Cobia, when we were last assembled, is now temporarily under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Trapier, having the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Folker, in order that this benevolent service might be made to consist, with his uninterrupted attendance at his Churches in St. Andrew's Parish.

The Rev. Mr. Potter, lately of Massachusetts, having been canonically received as a Presbyterian of the Diocese, has been elected to the charge of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.

Christ Church, Greenville, has continued vacant since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Folker, but has been very satisfactorily supplied by the Rev. Mr. C. P. Elliott, during part of the last year, as it had been the year preceeding, by the Rev. Mr. Leverett.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity, to which that Church has been largely indebted for the provision necessary to its being served by the ministers last mentioned, as by others, continues to have most worthy claims on the benevolence of the members of the Church, throughout the Diocese. I would be permitted again to urge them on the attention of all by whom they may hitherto have been deferred. The expenses of other missionary services besides those of

* Mr. Thomas' resignation should have been mentioned as the result of a serious interruption of his health, by him and his friends most painfully recognized, as bringing with it a necessity of suspending his pastoral exercise of the Ministry. It was very reluctantly accepted by his Vestry, but he felt himself constrained to waive all accommodation of his own necessity, at the expense of the Church. N. B.

Mr. Elliott, at Greenville, have been, according to its ability, defrayed by the Society within the year; the Rev. Mr. Perry, and the Rev. Messrs. Johnson, having rendered, in its behalf, some attention to the necessities of the Church in vacant places.

The Trustees of the Society, having become sensible of the strong necessity of providing it with a habitation of its own, where its Library might be better and more safely accommodated, its Depository kept, and all its business transacted, have thought themselves warranted, in appropriating to this object, a small portion of its vested capital. It is hoped that little or no deduction will be thus rendered necessary from the income, applicable to missionary, and other purposes of good to the Church. If in any instances, a reduction should take place of the appropriations in aid of the support of the ministry, it is hoped that allowance will be made for the unavoidable necessity of such reduction, in consideration of another use made of funds, seeming to the Board of Trustees, as important as any demanding their immediate action.

Of "matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese," the most important, occurring to me, as fit to be in any manner noticed here, are the following. Candidates for the ministry in the Diocese, (anxiously as we had hoped to the contrary,) have come, and are likely to continue to come, to the exercise of it, from under circumstances of preparation, differing according to prepossessions existing among us, in their claims upon general confidence, and differing in probable influences upon the character they had contributed to form. These claims and influences, I am anxious to see, as I am sure they may be, made so to coalesce, as to be rendered perfectly innocuous as to the unity and harmony of the Diocese. The tendency of the difference of circumstances referred to, to induce contrarieties and jealousies of feeling and opinion is obvious; and the obligation on the part of all whom it affects, is as imperative as any to which Christians can be subjected, to strive to deprive it of any danger it may bring with it, to our perfect peace and fellowship in Christ. Differences of sentiment, should be so entertained, and so acted on, so long as they must continue, as not to be at all inconsistent with a sound unity of the ecclesiastical state. Anxious fidelity to received obligation, according to the letter of it, to the utmost that can be, as well as spirit, will be the certain means of the preservation of all in each others' confidence and esteem. The best evidence of such fidelity will be, a ready conformity with things required by the order and teaching of the Church, according to the generally received and most obvious sense of them. Where this is given in the general tenor of ministerial conduct, allowance will easily obtain for minor differences, with respect to which, nothing is prescribed, and we shall *walk together* in sufficient agreement for that great interest of the Church, which is charity. To this I could not consider any indulgence among the clergy, to each other's peculiarities of sentiment and action, too great a sacrifice, which would not imply acquiescence in dishonour done the Church, by a surrender to claims from what-

ever quarter brought, of the well understood, and deliberately received conventional obligations of its service. When we are prepared for the surrender of these, it should be into the hands of the authority, by which, in the Church's behalf, they had been imposed. I will only add, that the more thoroughly the history of differences merely of sentiment, *in the Church*, not materially affecting the character of our public ministrations, according to its rule, is known, the less will be the danger of our magnifying their offence, and contending uncharitably concerning them. Soundly enlightened minds, as well as honest and good hearts, are essential to the Church's unity and peace.

Our Sunday School instruction, according to the Sunday School Union of our Church, is, I trust and believe, in general likely to be productive of good. Still it cannot too earnestly be desired, that it may be understood to be according to its original design, *a charity for the benefit, particularly of the children of the poor*, and such as can otherwise have no religious or moral instruction. So extended as to be made to embrace the children *generally* of the congregations, there is danger that it will be permitted to supersede, both the parent's and the pastor's, catechetical and other religious instruction of children. Let this danger not be realized. The parent's duty as to this matter, can never be foregone, without offence against heaven, and deep injury to our young. The Sunday School in every instance, especially where it consists of the children of the congregation, should be the *minister's school*, conducted under his authority and inspection, by such suitable assistants, as he may obtain, the lessons of which, should be prepared under the observation and with the help of parents. Ministers should not permit this essential part of their duty to be taken out of their hands, further than into the hands of their own selected assistants.

In adverting, further, to matters generally affecting the state of the Church in the Diocese, I am induced to express the hope, seeming by some circumstances to be warranted, that Christian education, according to our own principles, as Protestant Episcopalians, is beginning to be regarded with less of the lamentable indifference, that has hitherto prevailed among us, than when I have before addressed you in reference to it. The Classical school which the Rector of St. Philip's Church set on foot, and which he and his Assistant in the charge of that Church, have cherished with great attention and care, is regarded, I have reason to believe, as a nursery of sound religious character, in the rising generation of our Church; and the degree in which the claims of the North-Carolina Episcopal Academy, have been honoured among the members of our Church in this portion of it, although far less than had been hoped, is evidence that the important truth is gaining upon the minds of our people, that the young of our communion, will either grow into life with no religion at all, or with any, rather than that which we think best for them, unless we cause religion, as we hold it, to be incorporated with academical education. I take occasion to say that the assistance of the members of the Church in this Diocese, to the North-Carolina school,

was not asked, without my having cordially approved the application, to be made for it, and that it seems to me, worthy of regret, that the object, in behalf of which it was asked, should have been regarded by any, as an interest rather of North-Carolina, than of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It is surely time, let me subjoin, that we should be awake to the effect of education without religion, in our academic institutions. The experiment has been sorrowfully made, conspicuously enough to have conveyed to all our minds, the lesson which it should be allowed to teach.

The interest of religious instruction among the coloured people within our communion, here, also, claims a passing word. Still persuaded, that the combined considerations of Christian consistency, of prudence and humanity, all demand our attention to this, I cannot but lament the existence of any obstacles occurring to embarrass and impede it. That the subject is a delicate one, I am perfectly aware. That it admits, at the same time, of being acted upon, not with safety only, but with happy success and satisfaction, is a conviction founded in enough of inquiry and observation, to warrant me in continuing to entertain it. Fanatical excitement ought, indeed, to be guarded against, and even more carefully, than it has been. The hand of authority, should be, on all accounts, *discerningly* applied to this. In the stead of it, sound *religious instruction*, should be encouraged and promoted. The part that belongs to us, as a portion of the religious public, seems to me to consist, in obtaining, when it is practicable, the services of approved catechists, regularly appointed by the ecclesiastical authority, with the concurrence of lay advisers, who with the consent and observation of proprietors, shall have, each, his district of duty assigned him, under the constant supervision of the minister of the parish, within which it may lie, and with the assistance of his occasional ministrations. To question the benefit, either to these people themselves, or to the community, of religious instruction, soundly and faithfully given, seems to me, by the experience we have had of it, to be utterly forbidden.

And here the mention suggests itself of the calamity, which providence in its mysterious course, has permitted to befall the Church, in which this important work, of piety and humanity, had first in this country been set on foot, and in which it has, from an early period in the last century, been with successful fidelity prosecuted. The ministers of our Church in St. Philip's parish, have reason to mourn, and we to mourn with them, the interruption which has been brought upon this, their labour of charity. The large portion of their pastoral charge, to whom the privileges of the Church were usefully and happily given, freely to be enjoyed, under the sense of the indispensable obligation of this labour, devolved from their worthy predecessors, to their hands, present us with an affecting case of spiritual distress; and it is most devoutly to be wished, that they may be enabled to meet it, with provision in a great degree commensurate to its claims.

The affliction which has been permitted to befall the ministers and people of St. Philip's Church, is entitled, however, on many other ac-

counts, to our deepest and most affectionate sympathy. The most numerous of our congregations, on whose character, under the conduct of judicious and most faithful pastoral guidance, much has depended of the sound influence of the principles of our Church, have been driven from a house of prayer, endeared to them by the happiest and most affecting associations. The help derived from these associations, to their piety and zeal, cannot be entirely recovered. The altar at which their fathers, and their fathers' fathers worshipped, has been broken down, and the monumental memorials of their virtues, are mingled with the common ruin of the most solemn, and appropriately magnificent of our churches. There is, however, comfort in the assurance, that although the house of God, as they had been accustomed to use it, cannot be restored, their faith has been too well settled to be shaken or disturbed, by the inconvenience of external circumstances, to which they have become subjected, and the hope that in the true spirit of that faith, they will derive from their calamity, a new energy in the service to which it pledges them of God and of his Christ. Let the obligation, I pray you, be unanimously recognized by us, as the representatives of the whole body of the Church in this portion of it, of extending to the affliction of our brethren, all the sympathy it claims, and to their necessity, all the assistance, which circumstances will possibly admit. Their case cannot too much interest us. With too fervent importunity, we cannot beseech God for them, that he would strengthen their hearts and hands, for the travail and sorrow which have been made their lot.

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

The following Preamble and Resolutions, were, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanckel, unanimously adopted.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise Providence, to afflict St. Philip's Congregation, by suffering their beautiful and venerable Church, the pride of our city, to be laid in ashes.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with them in their sore affliction, and will use our best efforts to aid them in repairing their loss as soon as possible.

Resolved, also, That we recognize and acknowledge the hand of God in this distressing calamity; and whilst we view it as a subject of deep humiliation to the Church in this Diocese, that we cherish the conviction that God hath done it for purposes of good to his people, and especially to those who have been the immediate sufferers.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barnwell, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Thursday, February 26, 1835.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Shand, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Charles P. Elliott.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Dr. William Read, and Dr. Horatio S. Waring, Lay-Delegates from St. Michael's Parish, whose certificates of appointment were yesterday read and approved; and Mr. James Pope, from St. Luke's Parish; Dr. James Stuart, from St. Paul's Church, Pendleton; Mr. Joseph B. Seabrook, from Trinity Church, Edisto Island; Major Samuel Wragg, and George Eggleston, from St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, having severally presented satisfactory testimonials of their respective appointments, appeared, and took their seats accordingly.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 51st Canon of the General Convention, having been presented to the Bishop, were severally read:

St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—White Adult 1, Coloured 2; Total 3. White Children, 24; Total 27. Marriages—White, 9, Coloured, 2; Total, 11. Burials—White, 17, Coloured, 2; Total, 19. Communicants—White, 330, Coloured, 60; Total, 390. Non-Communicants—White, 353, Coloured, not ascertained. White Children under 14, 261; Coloured, not ascertained. Families, White, 244; Coloured, not ascertained. Children catechized in Advent and Lent, 70 White. Confirmed by the Bishop, 18 White. Number of Teachers in the Sunday Schools, 19 White. Number of Scholars, White, 81, Coloured, 35, Total, 116. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays, and 78 other days: whole number of times, 130.

REMARKS.—The Sermon and collection for the Bishop's Common Fund, have been had; and the Sermon, and collection also, for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity. A Missionary Association has been formed, having for its object, exclusively, assistance to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the maintenance of *Domestic* Missions, or Missions within the Territory of the United States. The Coloured Communicants of the Church have been instructed, as circumstances permitted, by a Lecture addressed to them assembled after afternoon service. There is a Sunday School for Coloured persons and Children, conducted by several ladies. Lectures were read as usual in Lent, on every Wednesday and Fridays, and to the Candidates, preparatory to Confirmation. The Parish Library, and that for the use of the Sunday School, contain 424 volumes. More than 60 persons have been removed by death, from the number of Communicants at this Church within the last 10 years.

St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Daniel Cobia, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—Adults, 7 Coloured. White Children, 26; Coloured, 35. Total, 61. Whole number of Baptisms, 68. Marriages—13 White; 6

Coloured; Total 19. Burials—White, 47; Coloured, 11; Total 58. Communicants—White, 300; Coloured, about 175. Non-Communicants—370 White; Coloured, cannot be ascertained. Children under 14, White, 343; Coloured, cannot be ascertained. Families, White, 301; Coloured, cannot be ascertained. Children catechised, about 32 days; White, about 100; Coloured, about 30; Total, 130. Confirmed by the Bishop, White, 20; Coloured, 14; Total, 34. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 22 White; 10 Coloured; Total, 32. Number of Scholars, White, 168; Coloured, 150; Total, 318. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays; and on other days, 86; Whole number of times, 195.

REMARKS.—*Religious Education.* The system, as stated in former reports, has been continued. 1. Public catechisings in the Church, for the Children, and lectures to the Candidates for Confirmation by the Ministers. 2. A Bible Class instituted during the year, and held by the Assistant Minister. The members of this class are all females. A similar class for males, we hope to be able to form. 3. The Sunday Schools for White and Coloured Children, superintended by the Ministers, and conducted by Teachers, male and female, according to the plan of our General Sunday School Union, with the exception of a few particulars. The Parish Library has been added *to*, by the gift and purchase (from the Sunday School Society's income) of a few books, and now has 234 volumes. The Sunday School Library, has also received an accession of 88 volumes, and now contains 324 volumes. Both Librarians are faithful and useful. The first named of these Libraries is opened every Friday, and the other every Sunday, for the giving out and receiving of Books. The "Classical and English School" has been kept up in the Sunday School House, during the year. The pupils were religiously instructed by the Ministers, every Friday, and they attended the services of the Church on all the days of worship held during the week.

Charity.—Besides contributing to the charitable and religious Societies named in a former report, a number of persons of our flock, in order to aid Missions, have agreed, within the last year, to contribute, according to their ability, an amount weekly, which is paid over monthly by the collectors to the Treasurer, who quarterly pays over as designated by the respective contributors, the amount for Missions in South-Carolina, or in other States in our Union, or in foreign places. The amount of our Communion alms, distributed during the year among the poor, was \$792.20½. No thank-offering, according to the good old custom, was received *during this year.*

Miscellaneous.—Divine Service has been celebrated on every Sunday, twice; on all fast and festival days; and on each Friday, without exception, during the year. The Holy Communion was administered monthly, and on the three great festivals. The Sermon on the Episcopal Office, was to have been delivered on the 15th of February, the day on which our Church was burned. As this report relates to the year 1834, it does not fall within our strict duty to speak of this melancholy event. We will only here record these particulars. The steeple first took fire between 2 and 3 o'clock, A. M. on the Lord's Day, Feb-

ruary 15th, and before sun-rise, the destruction was complete. Parts of the Organ, the Communion Table and Chairs, and all the books and papers belonging to the Church, were saved. Divine Service was held the same day, with a weeping flock, in the Sunday School Room. The congregation convened on Monday, resolved to rebuild the Church, to hold Divine Service in the most suitable place that could be procured, and recommended the Friday ensuing to be observed as a day "of religious reflection, humiliation and prayer." It was observed accordingly. The text of the Assistant Minister in the morning, was Isaiah, lxiv. 11. "Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burnt with fire;" and of the Rector in the afternoon, Matt. vi. part of verses 9 & 10. "Our Father in Heaven, thy will be done." A letter, appealing for assistance in rebuilding our Church, to the patriotism, benevolence, and piety of the community at large, and more particularly to South-Carolinians, Charlestonians, and the Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has been extensively circulated.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, 3 Coloured. White Children, 28; Coloured, 5; Total of Baptisms, 36. Marriages—18 White; 5 Coloured: Total, 23. Burials---White, 20; Coloured, 2: Total 22. Communicants—White, 263; Coloured, 41: Total, 304. Non-communicants—White, 474: Coloured, 70: Total, 544. Children under 14, White, 380; Coloured 65: Total, 445. Families, White, 261; Coloured, 40: Total, 301. Children catechised 16 Sundays, White, about 80; Coloured, about 30. Confirmed by the Bishop, White, 6. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, White, 29. Public Worship held twice on each Sunday, and on every Wednesday and Holy days.

REMARKS.—Sermons have been preached, and collections made, in aid of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina; for the Bishop's Common Fund; and for the Sunday School Society of St. Paul's Church. An Association has been formed for Missionary purposes, Domestic and Foreign, by a considerable number of the congregation, who contribute weekly, as they think proper. The amount of their contributions, since May, when the Association was formed, to the first of January, is \$246.29, of which \$72.56 were for Foreign Missions, and \$57.23 for Domestic, and \$116.48 for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina. Lectures were read, as usual, on Wednesdays and Fridays, during the season of Lent, and a Bible Class has been instructed one day in every week, for the greater part of the year. The Libraries, for the use of the Congregation, and Sunday School, now contain upwards of five hundred volumes, and are used by a large number of the Congregation and Children. The Sunday School still prospers, under the instruction of its faithful and able teachers. Of the Burials in the Tabular form, one was from the Orphan House.

Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.

Baptisms--2 White Children ; 1 Coloured : Total 3. Marriage--1 White. Burial--1 White. Communicants--46 White ; 15 Coloured : Total 61. Non-Communicants, 59. Children under 14, White 67. Families 41. Children catechised 10 days, about 30. Confirmed by the Bishop, White 7 ; Coloured 5 : Total 12. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 5. Number of Scholars, White, 27. Public Worship held in the Church at Georgetown, on about 30 Sundays, and about 30 other days. Whole number of times, 60. At North Island, about 20. Whole number of times, 80.

REMARKS.--The Church continues in the same embarrassed pecuniary situation, as reported last year by the Rector, and without any prospect of relief, except in the good will of her great Head. The Rector, however, feels some relief under the painful circumstance, in what he trusts, may be considered the improvement, however small, in the spiritual condition of his cure, as he now numbers *young men* among the communicants.

St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms--Adult, 1 Coloured ; White Children 20 ; Coloured 2 : Total 23. Marriages--6 White. Burials--2 White. Communicants--130 White ; 35 Coloured : Total 165. Non-Communicants--50 White. Children under 14, 159 White. Families, 50. Children catechised 6 days, 70 White. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 9 White ; 15 Coloured : Total 24. Number of Scholars, 70 White ; 160 Coloured : Total 230. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays ; number of other days, 68 : whole number of times, 212.

REMARKS.--The Church is in a peaceful, healthful, and growing state. Ten white Communicants have been added. One Communicant has died, and a considerable number have removed from the Parish : six of them to serve God in the Ministry of his Church. The interest of our people, in the cause of Missions, continue, I think, to increase ; and the concern of the Planters connected with the Church, in the spiritual welfare of their slaves, has not, I am happy to report, in any degree abated. It is getting deeper, more enlightened, more *principled*.

Sermons have been preached, and a collection made, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund.

Christ Church Parish.

The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Minister:

Baptisms--White Children, 4. Marriage 1. Burial 1. Communicants--11 White and 25 Coloured. Non-Communicants--about 20 White, and about 30 Coloured. Children under 14, Whites, 28.

White Children catechised, 17. Teachers, in aid of the Clergyman, 3 respectable gentlemen.

REMARKS.—I came into the Parish to reside, on the 10th of November, 1829. I found the congregation very small, and am sorry to say, it has increased but little since. Our situation is such as to make it extremely difficult to acquire accessions to our number. From near fifty years experience, I have found that it is far easier to raise a Church of our religious denomination, in a place where it was never known before, than where it has once been established, and in a measure fallen through. In the former case, the people will be alive and active; in the latter, their condition will be quite the reverse. If it were not for the kind assistance of the Society for promoting Christianity in this State, a Minister could not subsist in this Parish; and with their aid, he is obliged to draw more than one half of the support of himself, and family, from his own private resources; besides providing a residence independent of the Parishioners.

St. Paul's Parish, Stono.

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

Marriages—2 White. Burial, 1. Communicants, 8 White. Non-Communicants, 21 White. Children under 14, White, 25. Families, 12. Children catechised during the Sundays of the summer season, 15 White. Public Worship held on 26 Sundays, and on 2 other days: Whole number of times, 28.

REMARKS.—Divine Service has been held in St. Paul's Church, Summerville, on twenty-three Sundays, and on one other day. Baptisms, 2—1 White Child, and 1 Coloured adult. Burials, 2 White Children. White Communicants, 10. Non-Communicants, 11. Children under 14, White, 8. Families, White, 9. Sunday Scholars, White, 12 to 15. Teacher, 1, together with the Minister. The Catechism, broken into short questions and answers, being used on the occasion, and a hymn, or part of a hymn, from the Prayer Book, being made also the subject of their attention. One Gentleman has presented the Church with four pair of sashes, and a bell has been hung by the Vestry.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.

Baptisms—4 White Children; 4 Coloured; Total 8. Marriages, 2 White; 1 Coloured; Total 3. Burials, 5 White; 1 Coloured; Total 6. Communicants, 87 White; 15 Coloured; Total 102. Catechised every Sunday during summer. Sunday School, 5 Teachers, 26 Scholars. Public Worship, Ashepoo, 17 Sundays, 2 other days; Total 49. Walterborough, twice on 25 Sundays, 23 other days; 73: Total 92.

St. Luke's Parish.

Thomas J. Young, late Rector.

Baptisms—One Coloured adult, and 5 Coloured Children. Burial, 1 Coloured. Communicants, 22 White, 12 Coloured. Service was

held in St. Luke's Church, on 8 Sundays; number of times, 10. In Zion Chapel, Hilton Head, on 6 Sundays. In May last, the Rector, with the consent of the Vestry, resigned the charge of the Parish. Since that time, he has visited St. Luke's Church, on three Sundays.

Trinity Church, Edisto; and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.

The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, Rector.

Baptisms—5 White Children. Marriage, 1 White. Burials, 4 Whites. Communicants, White, 38; Coloured, 8: Total 46. Non-Communicants, White, 50. Children under 14, White, 16. Families, 25. Children catechised 8 Sundays, about 40. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 8. Number of Scholars, 41. Public Worship held in Trinity Church, on 15 Sundays; and in St. Stephen's Chapel, on 20 Sundays; number of other days, 18: whole number of times, 72.

REMARKS.—The present incumbent, in consequence of the impaired health of the Rev. Mr. Thomas, assumed the temporary charge of this Parish in May last. His engagement was for the remainder of the year, when it was anticipated, the Rector's health would be sufficiently restored to permit his return. The Providence of God having willed it to be otherwise, the officiating Minister was invited to the pastoral care. While he would be deeply thankful to the Great Head of the Church, for the encouragement which he has met in *preaching the cross of Christ*, he would not fail to bear his testimony to the various evidences he has found, of the untiring faithfulness of his much beloved predecessor. May our Church, which has had in him one of her warmest friends and strongest advocates, soon be allowed to welcome his return.

Divine Service has, with two or three unavoidable exceptions, been regularly performed. The Church at Edingsville, during the last summer, has had large and attentive congregations, composed of families from Edisto, Wilton, and John's Island. Three new Communicants have been added to the Church. A Bible Class has been formed, and has assembled every Tuesday afternoon. A weekly meeting for improvement in Church Music, and a semi-monthly one for the Sunday School Teachers, have been, it is to be hoped, productive of good. A Library, for the use of the Children of the Sunday School, has been commenced with about 50 volumes. The Church Library, established by the late Rector, a valuable one, is steadily increasing, about 40 volumes having been recently procured for it; and promises to continue no feeble auxiliary for the promotion of true piety, and the dissemination of the peculiar principles of our Church. The Ladies of the Working Society, have been engaged the past summer, with their accustomed zeal and activity; one half of the proceeds of their industry has been presented to the new Church at Wilton; the other to the Church at Edisto. By the generous subscriptions of this congregation, a new Organ has been obtained. It may be proper to add, that a pious and generous churchman, has recently presented to the Church, a silver Plate, to complete the Communion set.

In residing the few months past, among a people already greatly endeared to him, their Minister cannot be otherwise than grateful, that his very feeble labours have been, under the Lord's blessing, productive of much seriousness, if not of more decided benefit. And while he is solicitous that the year, on which we have entered, may witness the escape of numbers to the "fountain open for sin and uncleanness," he would remember, that "if the Lord keep not the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, White, 1. Children, White, 18; Coloured, 1: Total 20. Marriages, White, 2. Burials, White, 6. Communicants, White, 43. Non-Communicants, 64. Children under 14, White, 86. Families, 34. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 White. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 7 White. Number of Scholars, White, 35.

The Holy Communion has been administered six times; once in the spring by the Bishop of the Diocese, and on the first Sunday of every month, since the Rector's admission to Priests' Orders, in July last. Three persons (two male and one female) have been added to the number of Communicants. The Children have been catechised on the last Sunday of each month, except when the weather was too unfavourable to admit of their attendance. In regard to the Sunday School, the same being without other Superintendent, the Rector has himself acted in that capacity. The situation of the School is by no means as flourishing as he could desire. The number of Children in the congregation, under 14 years of age, (as will be seen by the above Report) is however large, and he is not without hope that they, to whom the guardianship of these little ones has been committed by Providence, may be hereafter induced to take a deeper interest in the welfare of the School, than has been hitherto manifested. It is obvious, that without some exertion on their part to sustain the Institution, by sending their children to partake of its benefits, it cannot exhibit the encouraging state, in which it would surely be gratifying to its friends to see it.

To the Ladies Working Society, of which mention was made in the report of last year, the Church is much indebted. They have not only had the building painted in the inside, and decorated with new velvet, but have appropriated a certain sum, quarterly, for the establishment of a Parochial Library, and have contributed liberally towards the extinguishment of the balance of a debt due by the Church. We trust the gratification they must derive from the consideration of what they have done for the benefit of the Church, will be a sufficient inducement to persevere in the good work, in which they have been hitherto so successfully engaged.

Soon after he took charge of the congregation, a Bible Class was formed, which the Rector has instructed on Wednesdays, immediately after service at the Church.

With much gratitude to God, the Rector has perceived a steady, gradual improvement in the condition of this Church. The people seem, many of them, to be much interested in attending upon the services of the Sanctuary, and a gratifying anxiety has been entertained and displayed, that the borders of this branch of the Lord's Vineyard should be enlarged, and its spiritual growth advanced.

In consequence of claims made upon the congregation to discharge the only debt due by the Church, (which debt has been now fully satisfied) the Rector has thought it advisable not yet to solicit any contributions in aid of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, or of the Bishop's Common Fund.

In the course of the summer and fall, he visited the Church at Totness, in St. Matthew's Parish, twice, and preached six times, to small, but attentive and interesting congregations: administered the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, baptised two infants, and catechised the Children.

St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.

The Rev. David M'Elheran, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 4. Marriage, White, 1. Burials, 4. Communicants, White, 30. Non-Communicants, 30 White, 60 Coloured: Total 90. Children under 14, White, 20. Families, 23. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 4 White. Number of Scholars, 12 White; 72 Coloured: Total 84. Public Worship performed in the Centre Church, on 48 Sundays, and 4 other days; Total 52. In the Village Church, on 25 Sundays, and 25 other days; Total 50. Whole number of times, 102.

REMARKS.—It is with humble gratitude to God, I have again to report the increasing prosperity of this Church. The Church on the Island is now completely repaired, and the pews, &c. painted. From the severity of the weather, service was omitted for Sundays. The distance of the plantations from the Centre Church, renders it impracticable to have any Sunday School in winter, and, therefore, it is confined exclusively to the summer residence, during the summer months.

We have a plan for the religious instruction of the negroes on the plantation, about going into operation

(N. B. A few words have been torn off with the wafer.)

Church at Claremont:

The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 6. Marriages, White, 3. Burials, White, 3. Communicants, White, 21; Coloured, 16: Total, 37. Non-Communicants, White, 28. Children under 14, White, 43. Families, 20. Children catechised 5 days, 8 White. Public Worship performed at Claremont, on 38 Sundays, and on one other day: Total 39. St. Mark's, Clarendon, on 6 Sundays.

REMARKS.—On the remaining Sundays, Public Worship was prevented, either by the sickness of the Rector, which continued for some weeks, or by such weather as would not admit the assembling of the congregation. Occasional instruction has been given to the coloured persons. A Sermon has been preached, and a collection taken up, agreeably to the 1st Canon.

St. Stephen's Parish; and the Chapels at the Black Oak, and the Rocks.

The Rev. David J. Campbell, Minister.

Baptisms—14. Marriages, 2. Burials, 22. Communicants, 58; 5 of colour. Non-Communicants, 201. Children less than 14—106. Individuals, 259. Families, 52. Teachers of Sunday School, 4. Scholars, from 20 to 30. Divine Service, once in winter, twice in summer. And on the Festival of Nativity, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Two have died, and 7 have been added to communion; 3 of colour. There is an increasing spirit of enquiry on questions of Christian faith and practice within my charge.

Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis.

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms—Coloured Adults, 3. White Children, 2; Coloured, 3; Total 5. Whole number, 8. Marriage, White, 1. Burials, White, 2. Communicants, White, 12; Coloured, 13: Total 25. Non-Communicants, White, 32. Children under 14, White, 30. Families, 20. Public Worship performed in the Parish Church, on 14 Sundays, and on one other day. In Pompion Hill Chapel of ease, on 11 Sundays, and on one other day. Whole number of times, 27.

All Saints Parish, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 3; Coloured, 2: Total 5. Marriage, 1. Burials, White, 1; Coloured, 1: Total 2. Communicants, White, 19; Coloured, 8: Total 27. Non-Communicants, 26. Children under 14, White, 54. Families, 20. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 3. Number of Scholars, 14. Public Worship performed in the upper Church on 15 Sundays, and on 3 other days. Total 18. In the lower Church, 10. At the summer retreat, 21. Afternoon service at the same, 11. Whole number of times, 60.

REMARKS.—There have been added to our list of White Communicants: but in consequence of removals and death, our numbers are the same as when last reported.

A Female Missionary Society has been formed, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Arrangements have also been made to form a Parish Library.

During the last spring, with the permission of the owners, I visited

two plantations on alternate Sundays, in the afternoon, and officiated for the benefit of the negroes. Since November, I have been enabled to give a portion of Sunday to three plantations; visiting two on one Sunday, and one on the following.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms—2 White Children; 6 Coloured: Total, 8. Burials, 5 Whites. Communicants, 14 Whites; 2 Coloured: Total 16.

REMARKS.—Divine Service was regularly performed in this Church, from the first Sunday in June, until the second Sunday in October. The number of persons composing the congregation, could not be accurately ascertained; the worshippers being mostly visitors to the Island. The difficulty of providing the means for the support of the Ministry, seems to demand, that some other arrangement should be made, by which the stated services of the Church should be continued. The Vestry have accordingly determined, as far as practicable, to raise a Permanent Fund, by subscription; the income of which shall be annually appropriated to that object. With the concurrence and approbation of our Diocesan, the proposal has already been submitted to the consideration of the Episcopal community; and the amount of \$2000 contributed. Without the sympathies and friendly aid of our brethren, we cannot hope to succeed; and should we of necessity be compelled to abandon this station, the result would be, that the advocates of error and infidelity would enter in to occupy it. When the importance of this position, and the urgent claims of the Church here are considered; (the conviction is almost irresistible) that the members of our communion, who have enough and to spare, will not withhold their free-will offering.

St. Andrew's Parish.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

Baptisms—4 Coloured Children: Burials, 2 White. Communicants, 19 White; 4 Coloured: Total, 23. Non-Communicants, 27. Children under 14, White, 16. Families, 20. Public Worship performed in St. Andrew's Church, on 15 Sundays. and on one other day: Whole number of times, 16.

REMARKS.—The Communion has been administered *twice*. The Coloured people were taught during the spring, after morning service; but whether to their good, has not appeared. Frequent interruptions of Divine Worship, through the inclemency of the weather, have injured the Parish, which is also in an unsettled state, from the large number of the plantations at present offered for sale. But the congregations at the Church, have been much as usual, and though some have been lost from the Communion by death and removal, more have been gained, chiefly, however, by the settling within the Parish, of persons from other

parts of the State. The Female Working Society have made and applied to charitable objects, since last year, 107 dollars.

St. David's Parish, Cheraw.

The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector.

Baptisms—White Adults, 3; Coloured, 1: Total 4. White Children, 6; Coloured, 3: Whole number of Baptisms, 13. Marriage, 1: Burials, White, 5. Communicants, White, 31; Coloured, 9: Total 40. Non-Communicants, 25. Children under 14, White, 46. Families, 23. Children catechised on 12 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 White, 3 Coloured: Total 8. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 5. Number of Scholars, White, 32; Coloured, 13: Total 45. Public Worship performed on 34 Sundays, and on other days, 3: Whole number of times, 71.

REMARKS.—My services have been divided during the past year, between the congregation of St. David, and that of Trinity Church, Society Hill. The two congregations have agreed, that I should officiate alternately the present year. Our congregation has been called to lament the death of Mr. James Harrington, a gentleman long distinguished for his practical piety, and the warmest attachment for our beloved Church. We shall long regret the departure of our friend, but we have room to hope, that he is now enjoying the happiness promised to the sincere followers of Christ Jesus. One family of warm Church friends lately removed from Cheraw. The Bible Class, connected with this Church, is still held once every week. The Children of the congregation have been catechised on the afternoon of every Communion day, which was on the first Sunday of every month.

St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.

The Rev. William T. Potter, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 7. Marriage, 1. Burials, 2 White. Communicants, White, 29. Non-Communicants, 53 White. Children under 14, White, 48. Families, 26. Children catechised the last Sunday in every month. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 14. Number of Scholars, 63. Public Worship held on 24 Sundays, and 32 other days. Whole number of times, 57.

REMARKS.—The state of this Parish is believed to be prosperous. The usual attendance of the last summer, suggested to the friends of the Church, the propriety of enlarging the building by the addition of 12 new Pews. It is difficult to state numerically, the exact condition of the Parish, as there are so many friends of our Church who worship in Pendleton during the summer months, without having a fixed residence in this village. The table presents what is believed to be the regular congregation. The Communicants, in the months of July, August, and September, were as high as 49, and on many occasions of Public Worship, almost every seat in the Sanctuary was occupied. That the

Divine blessing may rest upon this people, enabling them to bring forth the "fruit of the Spirit," is the earnest prayer of their Minister.*

Grace Church, Camden.

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children 6. Marriage, 1. Burials, 2. Communicants, White, 24; Coloured, 1: Total 25. Non-Communicants, 36. Children under 14, White, 50. Families, 23. Children catechised 8 days, White, 35. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 6. Number of Scholars, 35. Public Worship performed on 48 Sundays, and on other days, 64. Whole number of times, 160.

REMARKS.—The condition of Grace Church has, within the past year, assumed an appearance less promising, than that hitherto reported. Camden is a decaying town; and in common with other demonstrations, our Church has suffered from emigration. Two families, and several individuals, are included in the estimate of loss from this source. Time only can reveal the embarrassments to which the Church shall be exposed, by this all-absorbing agricultural enterprize in the West. The Tuesday Afternoon Lecture, has been regularly continued; at which time, a Bible Class, principally composed of Ladies, have received the exposition of the Gospels of St. Matthew, and St. Mark, in consecutive chapters, it is believed with good effect. The Sunday School, under the personal supervision of the Rector, is governed, as far as circumstances will permit, by the system of the general Sunday School Union. An accession of several volumes is made to its Library. The Ladies of the Congregation, with their usual zeal, have procured the means for the purchase of a suitable Bell for the Church. From the evidences of deep

** Prince William's Parish.*

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, late Rector.

[This Report was received some days after the adjournment of the Convention.]

Baptisms—White Children, 2. Communicants, 27 Whites; Coloured, 1: Total 28. Families, White, 23. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 4. Number of Scholars, White, 16. Public Worship was held at Sheldon Church, until April, by the Rev. Charles P. Elliott; since which, the service has been performed by a Lay-Reader, licensed by the Bishop—except when the Rev. Mr. Young and the Rev. Mr. Potter officiated.

REMARKS.—The Church is in a thriving condition: the Vestry having increased the assessment on the Pews, so as to increase its revenue, to answer its annual demands; a measure which was readily agreed to by the majority of the congregation. Added to this, the Vestry have, by their example and subscription, commenced a Permanent Fund; each subscriber paying, annually, his subscription for five years successively, and which laudable effort, for the prosperity of the Church, will be followed by the congregation at large. The payments, as they are made, to be invested in public stock, so as to bring in a compound interest, for the future benefit of the Church. Sheldon Chapel, in M^rPhersonville, has been neatly finished, having comfortable Pews, and is lathed and plastered. The Ladies Working Society, has contributed upwards of two hundred dollars, for painting and sashing, and embellishing this building.

attachment to the offices of our Holy Religion so manifested, it is reasonably hoped that a new spirit of Christian enterprise will be awakened to strengthen the hands of the Ministry, and to unite the Congregation in the bonds of peace.

St. James' Church, James Island.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

Baptisms—2 White Children. Marriages, White, 2. Communicants, White, 7. Coloured, 1: Total 8. Non-Communicants, White, 19. Children under 14, White, 18. Families, 9. Children catechised 14 days, White, 3. Public Worship held in St. James' Church, on 11 Sundays, and one other day: Total 15. At Johnsonville, on 22 Sundays; whole number of times, 47.

REMARKS.—Communion administered 5 times.. The Members of this Congregation continue with few exceptions, punctual and respectful in their attendance at the Church. Their numbers lessened by removals and domestic changes, are now very small; but of the few remaining, the attachment to our faith seems to be strong and enlightened. In the summer, a Female Bible Class, attended with much interest, and giving evidence of some good, was taught by the Rector. Worship was held in a room kindly lent by the Officer of the U. S. Army, who is at present occupying the Garrison at Fort Johnson. Through his friendly mediation, also, permission has been obtained to erect a Church on land belonging to the General Government, so soon as funds shall have been collected, and whenever the wants of the Congregation shall require a separate building.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. William H. Barnwell, Rector.

Baptisms—1 Coloured Adult, 4 White Children, 1 Coloured Child: Total 6. Marriages, 1 White, 2 Coloured: Total 3. Burials, White, 13; Coloured, 3: Total 16. Communicants, White, 63; Coloured, 9: Total 72. Non-Communicants, White, 44; Coloured, 6: Total 50. Children under 14, White, 70. Families, 38 White, 7 Coloured: Total 45. Children catechised 6 days, Coloured, 30. Confirmed by the Bishop, White, 3; Coloured, 7: Total 10. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 7. Number of Scholars, 30. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays, and on 60 other days; whole number of times, 173.

REMARKS.—The Congregation of St. Peter's Church, Charleston, was organized in June, 1833, and I was invited to become its Rector in July of the same year. It was incorporated at the session of the Legislature, held 1833, and I took pastoral charge of it on the 5th of January, 1834. At the annual Convention, held in this city in February last, the Church was received into Union with the Convention.

In the month of March last, lots were purchased in Logan-street, for

a site for our Church Edifice, and at a meeting of the Congregation held in June, a scheme was submitted by the Vestry, and adopted, for raising funds to defray the expense of building by a subscription of Stock, at \$100 per share; the Stockholders becoming joint owners of all the Pews on the lower floor; all of which are to be sold at public auction by the Vestry, and the proceeds returned to the Stockholders. Enough of the Stock was taken to justify the Vestry in entering upon contracts; which they accordingly did in September last. The building contracted for is to be of brick; measuring outside, 82 feet by 57, with a portico; and within 67 feet by 52, containing on the lower floor, 114 Pews, besides two Galleries; one of them to be appropriated for persons of colour. The brick work of the building is now more than half completed, and it is hoped that the edifice will be ready for consecration by the next fall.

A neat service of Communion Plate has been provided by the liberality of the ladies of the Congregation, and a Sunday School Library, containing upwards of 300 volumes, has been formed. A Parish Library has also been commenced.

Having no Galleries to the Church now occupied by the Congregation, and being without any other convenient place, I have formed no Sunday School for persons of colour. Having appointed no other superintendent of the Sunday School, it has been my habit, in that capacity, to examine the higher classes of scholars, almost every Lord's day, upon the Lessons recited to their teachers; and on Saturday evening, I usually meet the Female Teachers, with the view of explaining the lessons to be taught their classes the next day. On every Tuesday afternoon I have held a service at the Church, and lectured, and have reason to hope that this labour was blessed from on high.

The Burials stated in the table were chiefly of strangers, or inmates of the Poor House; there having been but 3 deaths in my own Congregation, and those infants.

A collection was made for the Protestant Episcopal Society, but none, as yet, for the Bishop's fund.

In spiritual concerns, I trust the Lord has, in some degree, granted us prosperity. There have been added to the Communion list, such as by lives of devotion and consistency, are giving evidence of a change of heart.

Trinity Church, Society-Hill.

Alexander W. Marshall, Rector.

Baptisms—4 White Children. Marriages, White, 1. Communicants, White, 7. Non-Communicants, 13. Children under 14, White, 16. Families, 7. Children catechised on 18 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School. Number of scholars, 9 White, 30 Coloured: Total 39. Public Worship performed on 18 Sundays, and one other day; whole number of times, 37.

REMARKS.—This Congregation has succeeded in erecting a neat and

suitable Church, which was consecrated by the Bishop last Spring. We are sorry to say, that our small Congregation will soon be deprived of two families, who are about to remove to the West! A lady of this Congregation lately presented the Church with a very neat set of Communion Plate, and several others have also presented a surplice. This little body of worshippers promises to do much for the general interests of our Church.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.

The Rev. Thomas John Young, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, 13 Coloured. Children, 8 White, 5 Coloured : Total 13. Whole number, 26. Marriages, 6 Whites, Coloured 1 : Total 7. Burials, 3 White, 2 Coloured : Total 5. Communicants, 47 White, 32 Coloured : Total 79. Non-Communicants, 16 White. Children under 14, White, 50. Families, 23. Children catechised 7 days, 12 White. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 8 White, 3 Coloured : Total 11. Number of Scholars, 20 White, about 30 Coloured : Total 50. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays, and 43 other days. Whole number of times, 152.

REMARKS.—This Church has lost, since the last report, three Communing Members by death. Four White, and sixteen Coloured persons, have been added to the Communion.

In my last, the Members of the "Church of the Holy Trinity," applied by petition, to the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, for permission to form a separate Congregation. Their petition having been granted, they have organized a Congregation, under the title of the "Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville. On invitation from the Vestry, the present Rector took charge of the Church in June.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Minister, pro tem.

The Rev. P. H. Folker, Assistant Minister, pro tem.

Baptisms—White Children, 5; Coloured 5 : Total 10. Marriages, 3 White, 2 Coloured : Total 5. Burials, White, 11. Communicants, White, 42; Colored, 2 : Total 44. Non-Communicants, 111 White, 10 Coloured : Total 121. Children under 14, White, 86. Families, 78. White, 2 Coloured : Total 80. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 Whites. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 17. Number of Scholars, 131.

REMARKS.—By an arrangement intended, and expressly understood to be only temporary, the Chapel was placed under the charge of its present Ministers in November last. Before which time, in consequence of the intermission of pastoral care, the Congregation had become much dispersed, nor have all as yet returned. Service has been held regularly on Sundays, but with an attendance not as full as had

been usual. The Teachers of the Sunday School have met weekly one of the Ministers, and the Female Bible Class has been taught by the kind assistance of the late Minister of the Chapel. The Sunday School has been kept up on the plan pursued by him, and is under the self-denying and unwearied care of the same instructors, but has suffered from the partial dispersion of the Congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Gervais, made the following Report :

The Committee whom the last Convention appointed, "to take into consideration the whole subject of the Funds, known as the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds, whether in relation to St. Michael's Church, to the other Churches of the Diocese, or to the Bishop : and to report to the next Convention such a plan, as, while it shall free St. Michael's from its connexion with these funds, shall yet afford to our Diocesan a certain income from these funds of (\$1200) twelve hundred dollars per annum : " Beg leave to report that upon the election of a Bishop in the year 1818, (Journals p. 19) when the wishes of the Convention and of the Clergy were assented to, the information was also communicated that the Pastoral duties of a particular Church would necessarily confine that Minister, and unavoidably restrict him in the exercise of the functions of the Episcopate, until the Diocese shall by some assistance extended to the necessity of the case, enable the Vestry of St. Michael's Church to associate with him a second Minister in the performance of those duties. The subject consequently occupied the attention of the Convention, a Committee was appointed, who, after due deliberation, reported, that "it is expedient to raise a permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of the Diocese of the State of South-Carolina, of which fund 3-4th of the annual income shall be applicable to the support of a Bishop, and 1-4th shall go towards the accumulation of the fund;" for the accomplishment of which object, various means were recommended by the Committee, and adopted by the Convention.

At the next annual Convention in the year 1819, a Committee upon the Bishop's Fund reported that "the measures adopted (Journals p. 19) by the last Convention had not answered the expectations of the Convention, that success had not attended them." They also reported that "the intention of Convention had been misunderstood as to the application of part of the income, and therefore the Committee explained the sense of the Convention, by saying that the Bishop will relinquish to his Parish, as much as he shall receive from the fund towards the support of an associate, second Minister of the Church of which he (the Bishop) may be Rector. That the Bishop really receives no benefit from the common fund at present. Its application enables him through an assistant, to fulfil the duties which he personally owes to a Parish Church, while absent on Episcopal visitations."

In the year 1820, the Convention adopted a resolution allowing persons to subscribe to the permanent fund exclusively, and another resolution recommending the friends of the Church to pay a certain

per centage upon their annual incomes, until the fund should be sufficient to accomplish the object for which it was instituted. The first of these two resolutions, was designed to meet the views of those who were anxious to increase the permanent fund, and the latter to apportion the burden to the abilities of the contributors. (Journals p. 17.) But success did not attend their adoption. In 1822, (Journal p. 23,) "the Committee to whom was referred the state of the Bishop's Fund, regret their inability to devise any other means than those heretofore adopted. These means, though not quite successful, have been attended with partial success; a small, but gradual increase of the permanent fund had taken place, and the contributions to the common fund had advanced to nearly the sum of (\$1,000) one thousand dollars." In Feb. 1823, (Journal p. 16) the Bishop's permanent fund amounted to the sum of (\$8,655) eight thousand six hundred and fifty five-dollars. In February, 1824, a Committee on the Bishop's fund acknowledge a debt justly due to St. Michael's Church of \$1,190) one thousand one hundred and ninety dollars, which they recommend to be paid; but at the same time, disapprove of any diversion of the common fund from its legitimate object (p. 33) to accomplish this desirable event: "regret the failure of the former measures of former Conventions; admit the duties which the Bishop, as Minister of St. Michael's, is bound to discharge towards the Church, and the obligations that the Convention are under to raise funds to support a Minister to supply his absence from his Parish; exhibiting at the same that these provisions really afford neither benefit to St. Michael's Church, nor advantage to the Bishop; that they really only enable him to discharge his Pastoral duties to the Church of which he is the Rector." They, therefore, proceed to suggest other means, for the purpose of receiving annually the sum of (1600) sixteen hundred dollars, with a view to extinguish the just debt due to St. Michaels, and to support an Assistant Minister, (p. 35) providing at the same time that any surplus that might remain after the discharge of St. Michael's debt, and the maintenance of an Assistant Minister of the Church, of which the Bishop may be Rector, shall go to the increase of the permanent fund.

At the meeting of the Convention in 1825, the amount of the common fund was still insufficient to maintain an Assistant Minister, not through any defect in the plan suggested by the last Convention, but in consequence of the neglect of the different Churches to fulfil the measures recommended to their observance.

The amount paid did not amount to the sum of (1200) twelve hundred dollars. (Journals p. 29.) In 1826, (Journal p. 32) the amount of the permanent fund had reached the sum of (\$9,180) nine thousand one hundred and eighty dollars, and the income of the common fund was adequate to the support of an Assistant Minister. It also yielded a small sum to discharge a small part of the debt due to St. Michaels Church. In 1827, (Journal p. 28) the permanent fund amounted to the sum of (\$9,316) nine thousand three hundred and sixteen dollars. The common fund was sufficient to maintain an Assistant Minister, and to discharge part of the debt due to St. Michael's Church. In 1828,

(Journal p. 37) a small addition to the permanent fund, and the common fund, was adequate to the maintenance of an Assistant Minister, and the balance went to pay part of the debt due to St. Michael's Church. In 1829, (Journal p. 32) the permanent fund slowly, but gradually increases, while the common fund is only sufficient to maintain an Assistant. In 1830, (Journal p. 34) the amount of the permanent fund was (10,088) ten thousand and eighty-eight dollars, and the common fund barely sufficient to maintain the Assistant Minister. The Convention, at the same Session, under a full conviction of the importance of the object, appointed a Committee to form a Society, "whose object should be to devise means to increase the Bishop's permanent fund." The Committee met, formed a Society, and endeavoured to collect funds; little success, however, attended their efforts; what amount they received, (\$260 in 6 per cent—6 Shares Union Bank, \$100 cash,) has been paid over to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, who has charge of the Bishop's Permanent Fund. In 1831, and 1832, there was a small increase to the permanent fund, and the common fund was only sufficient to maintain the Assistant Minister. In 1833, the amount of the permanent fund was (10,544) ten thousand five hundred and forty-four dollars, and the common fund was adequate to the maintenance of an Assistant Minister, and a surplus was paid over to St. Michael's Church, in part payment of the debt due to that Church. The amount of the permanent fund is now (\$11,295 85) eleven thousand two hundred and ninety-five dollars 85 cents, and the common fund, after the maintenance of an Assistant Minister, will leave a probable balance to be paid over to St. Michael's Church, and thereby reduce the debt due to the Church below the sum of ———

From this view of the subject, it is manifest that the plan last adopted, though not entirely successful, has, nevertheless, been in some measure efficient. The permanent fund is slowly, but gradually improving. The common fund has supplied the support of an Assistant Minister, and partially reduced the debt due to St. Michael's Church. The Committee feel confident, therefore, that they can recommend measures to meet the views of the Convention, viz:

1. Resolved, That the amount due to St. Michael's Church, be discharged immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, and that for the accomplishment of this object, the Trustees of the funds be authorized to borrow from the permanent fund the amount due to St. Michael's Church, and give an obligation for the amount to bear an annual interest of seven per cent., till the same shall be paid off.

2. Resolved, That the Trustees of the common fund shall punctually pay over to the Bishop of the Diocese, instead of St. Michael's Church, the sum of (\$1200) twelve hundred dollars annually from said fund, to enable him to discharge his Episcopal duties, and to relinquish from his salary, as Rector of St. Michael's, an equal sum of \$1200.

3. Resolved, That each Parish in the Diocese, be earnestly solicited to pay its quota or proportion, towards the Bishop's Common Fund.

4. Resolved, That a committee consisting of three, be appointed to urge the payment of their respective quotas upon the Churches of the Diocese.

On motion, the Report was adopted, and the Resolutions proposed, being severally considered, were unanimously adopted.

Pursuant to Resolution 4th, a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. C. C. Pinckney, Dr. I. M. Campbell, and G. W. Egleston.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, Resolved, That Churches which have been organized since the quotas have been fixed, be requested to pay to the Bishop's Common Fund, such sum, as each Church may think itself competent to pay.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Young, Resolved, That the quota of \$30 heretofore paid by St. Luke's Church, to the Bishop's Common Fund, be divided between that Church, and the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville; each paying \$15.

On motion, Resolved, That the quota for St. Philip's Parish, next year, be reduced to one hundred dollars.

The Annual Report of the Protestant Episcopal Society, in relation to the funds committed to them in trust by the Convention, was read as follows :

The Board of Trustees of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina," submit their Report on the "Bishop's Permanent" and "Common Fund."

From the statement of the Permanent Fund for the last year, it will appear that the credits for interest and dividends received during the year, amount to \$733.05. Three-fourths of which (or \$549.78½) have been transferred to the Common Fund, in pursuance of the resolution of the Convention of the 20th February, 1818. The proportion of income transferred to the Common Fund, and the Treasurer's commissions, compose the debtor's side of the statement, and leave a balance in favour of the fund, of \$144.81½. In August last, the Rev. Mr. Gervais, Treasurer of the Episcopal Society, transferred to the Fund \$260 of six per cent. stock of South-Carolina, and six shares in the Union Bank, and in cash \$100.

From the statement of the Common Fund, it will appear that the sum of \$1200 has been paid to St. Michael's Church, for the salary of the Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, for the year which ended on the 1st March, 1834, and that the sum of \$300 has been paid to St. Michael's Church, on account of the debt due to that Church.

The receipts for the Common Fund, during the year ending in February, 1834, are as follows, viz :

St. Helena's Church, (St. Helena Island)	-	-	-	\$40 00.
St. Helena's Church, Beaufort,	-	-	-	40 00
St. John's, Colleton,	-	-	-	50 00
St. Luke's,	-	-	-	30 00
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough,	-	-	-	42 37

St. Michael's Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	350 00
St. Philip's Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	250 00
St. Thomas' (St. Thomas' Parish)	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough,	-	-	-	-	-	-	64 00

The above sums, (amounting to \$886.37) together with three-fourths of the income of the Permanent Fund, transferred as above stated to the credit of this fund, together with the balance in the Treasurer's hands, on the 31st January, 1834, make up the sum of \$2155.49½; of which sum, after deducting \$1200, paid to the Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, and \$300 paid on account of the debt due to St. Michael's Church, and the Treasurer's commissions, there remains a balance at the credit of the Fund, of \$611.18¾.

Signed in behalf of the Board,

N. BOWEN,

*Ex-officio, President of the Society,
For the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina.*

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, from the committee on the General Theological Seminary, made the following Report:

There has been received and deposited in the Bank, to meet the last year's deficiency of income, (besides what was last year reported) the following sums, viz:

From Edisto Island, (on the 25 cents contribution)	-	\$8 00
" All Saints, Waccamaw,	- - - - -	12 00
		<u>\$20 00</u>

The state of the "Bishop Dehon Scholarship" is as follows:

Invested,	- - - - -	\$4127 06
Cash to be invested,	- - - - -	208 00

Present amount of the Fund,	- - - - -	4335 06
Amount reported to the last Convention,	- - - - -	4117 72

Increase during the year, (there being no beneficiary)		<u>\$217 34</u>
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The state of the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship" is as follows:

Invested,	- - - - -	2147 25
Cash to be invested,	- - - - -	60 26

Present amount of the Fund,	- - - - -	2207 51
Amount reported to the last Convention,	- - - - -	2093 74

Increase during the year,	- - - - -	<u>\$113 77</u>
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The state of the Rev. Dr. Gates' Scho'arship is as follows:

Invested, - - - - -	\$2068 50
Due the Treasurer, being advanced by him, - -	54 19
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Present amount of the Fund, - - - - -	\$2014 31
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These funds are held in trust by the "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina."

There has been contributed to the Seminary, from this Diocese, from time to time, as follows:

Paid in, previous to 1829—See Journal of General Convention for that year, p. 54,	}	\$10365 94
Paid in between 1829 and 1832—See Journal of General Convention for 1832, p. 48,		
Paid in, between October 1832, and February, 1833—See Journals of our Diocesan Convention for 1833, p. 31,	}	110 00
Paid in, between February 1833, and February 1834—See Journal of our Diocesan Convention for 1834, p. 34,		
Reported in this Report, - - - - -		20 00
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Total, - - - - -		\$11494 54
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In consequence of <i>this</i> contribution, agreeably to the Constitution of the Seminary, we are entitled (at the rate of one Trustee for each \$2000 paid in) to	}	5 Trustees
For our 44 Clergymen, at the rate of one Trustee for every 8, we are entitled to		
Each diocese (independently of all contributions and number of Clergy) is entitled to	}	1 do.
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We are therefore entitled to - - - - - 11 do.
and as only 10 have been appointed, it will be proper to appoint one additional Trustee at the present Convention, and also one Trustee in place of Rev. Mr. Taylor, who has taken a dismission from the Diocese.

We regret to have to state, that only one of the Candidates for Orders of this Diocese, is now availing himself of the unequalled intellectual, and not surpassed moral and religious advantages which *our* Seminary affords, and also that for two years past, "the Bishop Dehon Scholarship" has had no beneficiary. But if interest in the Seminary has abated, so far as this Diocese is concerned, we will thank God, and take courage, in the consideration of the past, and present, and prospective usefulness of our beloved institution, which was originated, and has always been favored by this Convention, and to which the Church in our own and in other Dioceses, is largely indebted for the education, in part at least, of some of its most capable and useful Clergymen, one of whom is now a Bishop. At no former period, has the number of students

been so great. It is understood to be now 80, (we reported last year only 65) which number cannot be far short of half of the whole number of Candidates for our Church. At least one new Scholarship (that by Mr. Rhinelander of New-York) has been founded during the year, and we hail with lively satisfaction, the judicious, active, and successful measures, which have been adopted for the increase of the *Library*. To the effecting this object, very important, considered not only in relation to the Seminary, but to the Church, and indeed to the country at large, we rejoice to have to report, considerable donations in books and in money have been made; and we cannot but hope, that the late appeal, inviting the friends of piety and learning, each to give at least one book, will be generally favoured, and that our Library will, in due season, be worthy of a Church, which has never consented to divorce learning from piety; and has ever advocated, through good report and evil report, the zeal which is according to knowledge. It gives us pain to have to state, that the financial prosperity of the Seminary is still discouraging; (the large legacies made to it being not yet available) for the expense exceeds the income by so large an amount as upwards of \$2000. In the knowledge of this fact, we regret that, owing to various circumstances, and in particular to the heavy loss which one of our largest congregations has recently sustained, we cannot recommend as we have, and successfully in former years, that contributions to the Seminary's income should be made from this Diocese for the present year.

In conclusion, we offer for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship" be, and is hereby recommended to the patronage of the members of our Church, so that the amount requisite to render it available, may be obtained as soon as possible.

2. That the Bishop be requested to nominate one additional Trustee, and one to supply the place of Mr. Taylor, and to have their appointment ratified at the ensuing General Convention. The names of the present Trustees are

Rev. C. E. Gadsden,
 " C. Hanckel,
 " A. Gibbes,
 " P. T. Gervais,
 " T. H. Taylor,

Mr. T. Lowndes,
 " W. Heyward,
 " D. E. Huger,
 Dr. P. Tidyman,
 " J. Stewart.

The Report on the Theological Seminary, was accepted.

The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, having removed from this Diocese, the Rev. Paul Trapier was, on motion, nominated to supply his place; and the Rev. William H. Barnwell, was appointed an additional Trustee, to which this Diocese is entitled.

The alterations proposed by the last General Convention, to be made in the Book of Common Prayer, were, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanckel, taken up for consideration, and were determined on as fol-

lows : "The sense of the Convention having been already expressed, unanimously, in the affirmative, as to the 1st, 2d, and 4th of the resolutions of the General Convention, it was now on motion, resolved, that the 3d of the said resolutions be not agreed to.

The Rev. Mr. Young, from the committee for the instruction of the Coloured population, made a report at length.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanckel, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Friday, February 27th, 1835.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Converse, Rector of Claremont, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Trapier, Rector of St. Andrew's Parish.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Frederick G. Fraser, and Dr. Desaussure, having produced satisfactory testimonials of their appointment as Lay Delegates from Prince William's Parish, took their seats accordingly.

On motion of Mr. C. C. Pinckney, Resolved, that the committee of three appointed yesterday, to address the Churches, be discharged from that duty, and that the business be referred to the members of the committee who have already had the subject under consideration. The Rev. Mr. Gervais, Mr. Thomas Gadsden, and Mr. Stephen Elliott, were appointed accordingly.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Shand, Resolved, that the President do now appoint preachers for the next Convention, on other days than the first : whereupon, the Rev. David I. Campbell, the Rev. Peter J. Shand, and the Rev. Alexander Giennie, were appointed.

The Rev. Mr. Shand called the attention of the Convention to a proposition made by himself last year, to strike out the 11th article of the Constitution : whereupon, on motion, the article was stricken out accordingly.

The Treasurer laid his accounts before the Convention, when Mr. James H. Ladson, and Dr. Waring, were appointed a committee to examine the same.

Mr. C. C. Pinckney, called up the unfinished business of yesterday.

After much discussion, on motion of Mr. R. W. Barnwell, the Report was accepted.

The Resolutions contained in the Report were then considered; and, after some modifications, were adopted as follows, viz :

1. Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to address a Pastoral letter on the subject, (embracing so much of the Report as he shall deem expedient) to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese.

2. Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a Catechism and Scripture Lessons, for the use of the teachers (Clerical or Lay) of our Coloured population.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report : That having performed that duty, "they found them correct, and that there remains in his hands, a balance of \$44.91."

The usual appropriation was ordered to be made to the Sexton of St. Michael's Church, and 350 copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed.

On motion, Resolved, That the next Convention be held on the constitutional day of meeting, viz: the second Wednesday in February, 1836.

No further business being before the Convention, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Potter, to adjourn. Whereupon, after prayers by the Bishop, and the Blessing, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

NATHANIEL BOWEN,

Ex-officio President of the Convention.

Attest,

FREDERICK DALCHO,

Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER,

*Adopted by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the
Diocese of South-Carolina.*

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with the Morning Service of the Church, and a Sermon; and close with some appropriate Collects.
2. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. The delegation of each Church, shall occupy one pew.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he hath leave, or be unable to attend.
5. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate.
7. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgement of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Churches present.
8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless it be moved by a Minister or Delegate of one Church, and seconded by a Minister or Delegate of another.
10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on, before any new subject is introduced, except the question of adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment, shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same :

Be it therefore Resolved, That the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted, and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocese, for their government.

ARTICLE I.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention : but if a sufficient number of Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, or any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed : which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

ARTICLE II.

Of Lay-Delegates.

Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, throughout the Diocese, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in the State Convention : the Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper ; to serve twelve months from the time of election ; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

ARTICLE III.

Of Ministers.

The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches; but the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such Clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his, or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate or Lay-Delegates: but no Clerical or Lay-Delegate, shall hereafter represent two distinct Parishes, or shall in any case have more than one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Missionaries and Clergymen, engaged in Colleges, &c.

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, employed in this Diocese with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, and every duly recognized Minister of this Church, engaged in any College or incorporated Academy in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention; in his absence, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of

the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE VIII.

Special Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church having one vote) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote) and a majority of both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Trial of a Clergyman.

Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as in his judgment, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interest, of the Church may require. And he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the Admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no

Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favourable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocese, and delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

ARTICLE XII.

Chartered Rights of Churches.

No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this Diocese, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of Delegates to the General Convention.

To the intent that the Church in this Diocese should not be unrepresented in the General Convention. the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate, or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is or are, a member or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese: or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Rites and Ceremonies.

"The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," shall be used in this Diocese.

ARTICLE XV.

How the Constitution shall be altered.

No one of these articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be

proposed at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office: and the vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection, annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution.—*Passed 1822. Amended 1826.*

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Every Minister, having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver, or transmit, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages, in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the 1st of January preceding—specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held; the number of Families, Communicants, Adults, and Children under 14 years, attending, or belonging to the same; the number catechized by him, and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of Children and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals conformably to the 51st General Canon.—*Passed 1825.*